



Please type a plus sign (+) inside this box →



PTO/SB/21 (08-00)

Approved for use through 10/31/2002. OMB 0651-0031

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Under the Paper Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number.

<b>TRANSMITTAL FORM</b> <i>(to be used for all correspondence after initial filing)</i>	Application Number	10/655,327	
	Filing Date	September 4, 2003	
	First Named Inventor	David R. Zittel	
	Group Art Unit	1761	
	Examiner Name		
Total Number of Pages in This Submission	34	Attorney Docket Number	338.075

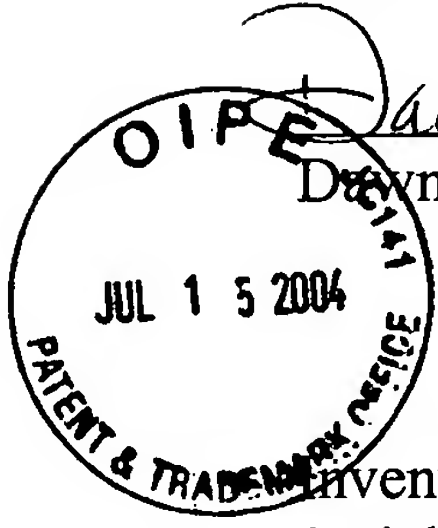
ENCLOSURES (check all that apply)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Fee Transmittal Form	<input type="checkbox"/> Assignment Papers (for an Application)	<input type="checkbox"/> After Allowance Communication to Group
<input type="checkbox"/> Fee Attached	<input type="checkbox"/> Formal Drawings	<input type="checkbox"/> Appeal Communication to Board of Appeals and Interferences
<input type="checkbox"/> Amendment /Reply	<input type="checkbox"/> Licensing-related Papers	<input type="checkbox"/> Appeal Communication to Group (Appeal Notice, Brief, Reply Brief)
<input type="checkbox"/> After Final	<input type="checkbox"/> Petition	<input type="checkbox"/> Proprietary Information
<input type="checkbox"/> Affidavits/declaration(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> Petition to Convert to a Provisional Application	<input type="checkbox"/> Status Letter
<input type="checkbox"/> Extension of Time Request	<input type="checkbox"/> Change of Correspondence Address	<input type="checkbox"/> Other Enclosure(s) (please identify below):
<input type="checkbox"/> Express Abandonment Request	<input type="checkbox"/> Statutory Disclaimer	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement	<input type="checkbox"/> Request for Refund	
<input type="checkbox"/> Certified Copy of Priority Document(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> CD, Number of CD(s)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Response to Notification of Missing Requirements Under 35 USC 371	Remarks	
<input type="checkbox"/> Response to Missing Parts under 37 CFR 1.52 or 1.53 DECLARATION		

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT	
Firm or Individual name	David D. Stein, Registration No. 40,828 Boyle, Fredrickson, Newholm, Stein & Gratz, S.C.
Signature	<i>David D. Stein</i>
Date	July 12, 2004

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING			
I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231 on this date: July 12, 2004			
Type or printed name	Dawn M. Oleszak		
Signature	<i>Dawn M. Oleszak</i>	Date	July 12, 2004

Burden Hour Statement: This form is estimated to take 0.2 hours to complete. Time will vary depending upon the needs of the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you are required to complete this form should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, Patent and Trademark Office, Washington, DC 20231. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the U.S. Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner For Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on the date indicated below.

 Dawn M. Oleszak  
Dawn M. Oleszak

Date: July 12, 2004

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Inventor(s): David R. Zittel et al  
Serial No.: 10/655,327  
Examiner:  
Title: *Food Processing Apparatus*

Docket No.: 338.075  
Filed: September 4, 2003  
Group Art Unit: 1761

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

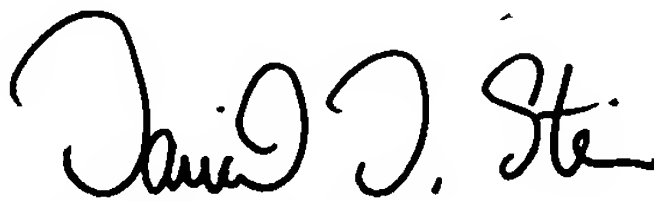
Commissioner For Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicant wishes to make of record the references listed on the attached "Information Disclosure Statement By Applicant" PTO Form 1449.

Applicant also wishes to note the pendency of U.S. application serial no. 10/655,285, which also is a continuation of U.S. application serial no. 09/705,017, which issued September 9, 2003, as U.S. Patent No. 6,615,707. Applicant also wishes to note the pendency of U.S. application no. 10/135,971, which is a divisional of the aforementioned '017 application. Both of these applications are directed to related subject matter. A copy of each is enclosed herewith and listed in PTO Form 1449.

Respectfully submitted,



David D. Stein  
Reg. No. 40,828

Boyle, Fredrickson, Newholm,  
Stein & Gratz, S.C.  
250 East Wisconsin Avenue, Suite 1030  
Milwaukee, WI 53202  
(414) 225-9755  
Customer No.: 23598

Sheet 1 of 2

Form PTO-1449	U.S. Department of Commerce Patent and Trademark Office	Atty. Docket No. 338.075	Appln. No. 10/655,327
INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT (Use several sheets if necessary)		Applicant David R. Zittel et al	
		Filing Date September 4, 2003	Group Art Unit 1761

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS							
EXAMINER INITIAL		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
		690,005	12/1901	Anderson et al			
		3,086,444	4/1963	De Back			
		3,760,714	9/1973	Lortz			
		3,812,775	5/1974	Sijbring			
		4,092,911	6/1978	Goodale			
		4,688,476	8/1987	Zittel			
		4,875,344	10/1989	Zittel			
		4,942,810	7/1990	Zittel et al			
		4,981,073	1/1991	Zittel			
		5,133,249	7/1992	Zittel			
		5,146,841	9/1992	Zittel			
		5,327,817	7/1994	Zittel			
		5,329,842	7/1994	Zittel			
		5,332,103	7/1994	Zittel			
		5,341,729	8/1994	Zittel			
		5,427,015	6/1995	Zittel			
		5,429,041	7/1995	Zittel			

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS							
		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION
							YES NO

OTHER REFERENCES (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)		

*EXAMINER	DATE CONSIDERED
*Examiner: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609; Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication with client.	

Form PTO-1449	U.S. Department of Commerce Patent and Trademark Office	Atty. Docket No. 338.075	Appln. No. 10/655,327
<b>INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT</b> (Use several sheets if necessary)		Applicant David R. Zittel et al	
		Filing Date September 4, 2003	Group Art Unit 1761

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS							
EXAMINER INITIAL		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
		5,433,849	7/1995	Zittel			
		5,456,091	10/1995	Zittel			
		5,517,906	5/1996	Zittel et al			
		5,587,073	12/1996	Zittel			
		5,592,869	1/1997	Zittel			
		5,632,195	5/1997	Zittel			
		5,669,288	9/1997	Zittel et al			
		5,752,431	5/1998	Zittel			
		5,780,088	7/1998	Zittel et al			
		5,809,787	9/1998	Zittel			
		5,989,614	11/1999	Zittel			
		6,012,381	1/2000	Hawn			
		6,095,035	8/2000	Zittel et al			
		6,105,485	8/2000	Zittel			
		6,182,833	2/2001	Zittel			
		6,187,360	2/2001	Zittel			
		6,205,913	3/3001	Zittel et al			
		6,214,400	4/2001	Zittel et al			
		6,234,066	5/2001	Zittel et al			
		6,263,785	7/2001	Zittel			
		6,419,094	7/2002	Zittel et al			

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS							
		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION
							YES NO

OTHER REFERENCES (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)		

*EXAMINER	DATE CONSIDERED
*Examiner: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609; Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication with client.	